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BEHAGUE, ET AL.

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WITH PREFORMED LOOP"**

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As this patent application was filed after June 30, 2003, and in accordance with the U.S. Patent Office waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of the two (2) cited U.S. patent documents are not enclosed. However, copies of the two (2) foreign patent

documents are included. English language abstracts are provided with each of the cited foreign patent documents from which the relevance of these documents can be ascertained. A copy of the International Search Report is also included herewith.

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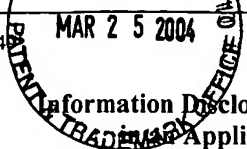
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NON-PATENT DOCUMENTS

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